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4th Aruba/CREF Green Energy Conference is less than a month away



José María Figueres

In the furor of upcoming elections, several events to take place on Aruba soon are simmering on the back burner of public attention. A very important conference, expected to bring several hundred delegates is the Aruba Green Energy Conference, which in its 4th year, will partner with and host the larger scale Caribbean Renewable Energy Conference, (CREF) this year.

The event will begin on Wednesday, October 9 and continue through Friday, October 11. The connections and influence of the CREF guarantees there will be dynamic and informed expert speakers attending. Presentations and workshops will be conducted at the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach.

"Regional policy is increasingly renewable friendly, capital is available, the price of technology continues to fall-and of the price of oil is trending upwards,"



Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin

claims CREF organizers. "Will 2013 prove to be a watershed year for the development of renewables in the Caribbean? We look forward to working closely with our many stakeholders, sponsors and delegates towards the biggest and most successful CREF yet.

Last year, CREF welcomed over 400 delegates, among them 12 important ministers of regional nations. The conference offers education and debate from respected experts in the field of renewable energy, as well as important networking opportunities. Confirmed speakers for 2013 include:

Hon. Phillip Paulwell, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, Government of Jamaica

Hon. José María Figueres, CEO, Carbon War Room; former President of Costa Rica

Sen. The Hon. Darcy

Peter Boyd
Boyce, Minister of State, Barbados

Hon. Ing. Mike E. de Meza, Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Government of Aruba

The Hon. Sen. Audrey Grant, Minister of Energy & Public Utilities, Government of Belize

Hon. Robert M. Persaud, MBA, MP, Minister of Natural Resources & The Environment, Government of Guyana

Hon. Jim Hok, Minister of Natural Resources, Government of Suriname

Hon. Kenred Dorsett, Minister of Environment & Housing, Government of The Bahamas

Enrique Ramirez, President, Comisión Nacional de Energía (CNE) - Dominican Republic

Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin, Asst. Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS)

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Dutch King Willem - Alexander declares the end of the welfare state as austerity hits



Netherlands' King Willem-Alexander officially opens the new parliamentary year with a speech outlining the government's plan and budget policies for the year ahead, as his wife Queen Maxima, right, looks on in the 13th century "Hall of Knights" in The Hague, Netherlands

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands - The Dutch government heralded the end of the welfare state on Tuesday as the fifth-largest eurozone economy presented an austerity-driven budget for 2014.

"The classic welfare state is slowly but surely turning into a society of participation," King Willem-Alexander told parliament, laying out the Liberal-led government's plans for the year.

"It is asked of all those who can to take responsibility for their own life and that of those around them," the king said in the speech written by Prime Minister Mark Rutte.

The king, who travelled through the streets of The Hague to address MPs and senators in an ornate horse-drawn golden carriage, said the transformation would be particularly noticeable in social security and long-term healthcare policies.

"The classic welfare state of the second half of the 20th century has ended up with practices in these domains that have become untenable in their current form," said the king, whose country for decades symbolised the western European ideal of the welfare state.

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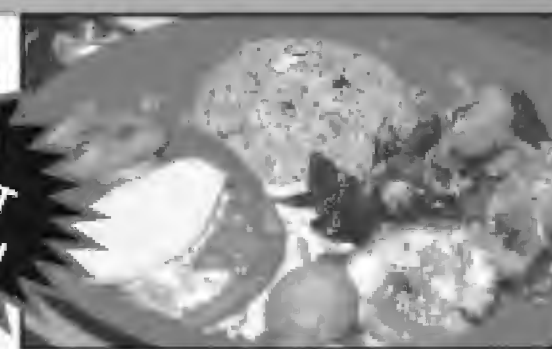
Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

sia effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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Wubbo Ockels on the Ecolution



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The full schedule of workshops and roundtable discussions will end on Friday with the presentation of the Aruba Sustainability Award to Professor Dr. Wubbo Ockels, physicist, Holland's first astronaut to join a mission into outer space. He has long been an advocate of renewable energy and participated in several development projects, while a staunch supporter of Aruba's efforts towards sustainability.

More information on all the guest speakers, schedules and registering for the conference can be found online at the official Aruba Green Energy Conference website: <http://www.greenaruba.org/index.php?page=default> and the CREF website: <http://neia.org/caribbean-renewable-energy-forum-october-9-11-2013-aruba/> or at the Utilities Aruba NV headquarters in the restored landmark building next to the offices of the Monument Bureau on the Henriquezplein in Oranjestad.

Fitzroy A. Vidal, Principal Director, Energy, Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, Jamaica

Kelly Tomblin, CEO, Jamaica Power Service Co. (JPS) - Jamaica

Trevor Byer, Chairman, St. Lucia Electricity Services Ltd (LUCELEC) - St. Lucia

Robert Blenker, Chief Development Officer, WRB Enterprises/GRENLEC

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Jeanne Nikolai, Director of Energy & Telecommunications, Ministry of Economic Development, Government of Bermuda

Peter Boyd, COO, Carbon War Room, Expert Chair, UK Energy Efficiency Deployment Office (EEDO) - UK

Brad Roberts, Executive Director, Electricity Storage Association (ESA) - USA

Joseph Salvatore, Lead Analyst, Clean Energy Economics & Capital Markets, Bloomberg New Energy Finance - USA

Harry Verhaar, Head of Global Public & Government Affairs, Philips Lighting - The Netherlands

Mark Lambrides, Chief, Energy and Climate Change Division, Organization of American States

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Hugo V. Hodge Jr., Executive Director (CEO), Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority - USVI

Lynn Tabernacki, Managing Director, Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development, OPIC - USA

Miguel Toledo, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

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Adam Warren, Group Manager, Project Development & Finance, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) - USA

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Migara Jayawardena, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank

Ernie Stapleton, Permanent Secretary, Nevis Island Administration (NIA)

Ariel Sacerdoti, Director - Business Development, Onmat - USA

The list includes a wide spectrum of engineers, scientists, government administrators from across the region, and executives of companies seeking to invest in renewable energy in developing countries. Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman will open the conference.

CREF reports that new this year, for the first time they will host ISLAND ROADSHOWS, which "will provide developers with clear insight into opportunities for engagement and investment across a series of regional markets." Interested parties will "learn of opportunities in jurisdictions from Puerto Rico to Jamaica, Dominican Republic to Martinique. This is vital and actionable market intelligence available only at CREF."

Additionally, the new Technology Sessions "are designed to provide governments and utilities with a

one-stop shop for insight into latest developments in renewable technologies and their application in the Caribbean. On the agenda for 2013: Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Biomass, Ocean, & Energy Storage."

Coinciding with the CREF schedule will be that of the Aruba Green Energy Conference, particularly focused on the island's direction and progress towards the stated goal of the current administration: a 100% Sustainable

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Netherlands' King Willem-Alexander, center left, and his wife Queen Maxima, center right, arrive at the Hall of Knights

Queen Maxima's dress
Rutte may be hoping that the pomp and ceremony surrounding the king and his popular wife, Queen Maxima, will provide a diversion from the gloomy reality of a budget full of unpopular new

spending cuts he revealed later in the day. A series of recent polls have shown that confidence in Rutte's government is at record low levels, and that most Dutch people — along with labor unions, employers' associations and many econ-

omists — believe the Cabinet's austerity policies are at least partially to blame as the Dutch economy has worsened even as recoveries are underway in neighboring Germany, France and Britain.

After several consecutive years of government spending cuts, the Dutch economy is expected to have shrunk by more than 1 percent in 2013, and the agency is forecasting growth of just 0.5 percent next year.

"The necessary reforms take time and demand perseverance," the king said. But they will "lay the basis for creating jobs and restoring confidence."

Willem-Alexander said that nowadays, people expect and "want to make their own choices, to arrange their own lives, and take care of each other."

The 'participation society'

has been on its way for some time: benefits such as unemployment compensation and subsidies on health care have been regularly pruned for the past decade. The retirement age has been raised to 67.

The king said Tuesday some costs for the care of the elderly, for youth services, and for job retraining after layoffs will now be pushed back to the local level, in

order to make them better tailored to local circumstances.

The monarchy was not immune to cost-cutting and Willem-Alexander's salary will be cut from around \$25,000 euros (\$1.1 million) this year to \$17,000 euros in 2014. Maintaining the Royal House — castles, parades and all — costs the government around 40 million euros annually.



Netherlands' King Willem-Alexander and his wife Queen Maxima wave to well wishers from the balcony of Noordeinde Palace, after the King officially opened the new parliamentary year

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Throw away replaces take away for Dan- ish restaurant

COPENHAGEN (AFP) - A restaurant serving dishes made from food about to be thrown away by supermarkets and other companies opened its doors in Copenhagen on Tuesday.

"We had all worked in kitchens or supermarkets and seen how much food was thrown away, and we wanted to do something about it," said Sophie Sales, a co-founder of "Rub og Stub", which translates as "lock, stock, and barrel".

Denmark is already home to an active community of "freegans", people who eat discarded edible food to reduce waste.

But unlike activists, Rub og Stub won't go rummaging through trash to find its ingredients, and the restaurant doesn't accept food that's been found through so-called "dumpster diving".

Instead, they're trying to get to the food before grocery stores and other retailers throw it out.

"We had hoped to secure some permanent deals before the opening, but it was hard because this is such a new concept," said Sales.

The central Copenhagen restaurant, which is run by volunteers and will give all profits to three charities in Sierra Leone, had to buy some ingredients for the launch.

"Potential suppliers (donors) found it hard to believe that it's realistic and that we would really open," she said.

So far, major donations have come from two supermarket chains owned by Denmark's biggest grocery retailer, Coop Danmark.

"It's been everything from lamb chops and duck breast, to big bags of grapes and dairy products," Sales said.

Most products are given away because they're nearing their expiry date.

For supermarkets, the food "wouldn't be worth putting on the shelves since they could only keep it there for two or three days".

"If we get it on the last day before it expires, we can either put it in the freezer or use it on the same day," she said.

Rub og Stub doesn't accept food that's already been prepared elsewhere, and because of its sourcing methods, the menu changes every day.



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By: Roland W. Peterson

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Club Kibrahacha 60+ celebrates 28 years!



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The morning began with a traditional prayer by Juliana Henricus, one of their volunteers. This was followed by speeches from Ephraim de Lannoy, Board representative, and Diana Uchtmanm, director of the Club. They both spoke of the work that the Club is doing and what the Club hopes to accomplish in the future. They had words of praise for the excellent work of their volunteers, who make a valuable contribution to the Club.

Tommy y su Grupo band delighted everyone with their music. Then, there was a spectacular presentation by Grupo di Dance Fit under the direction of Metlon Arrindel which everyone enjoyed immensely.

Club Kibrahacha 60+ is a social club especially for 60plussers of Aruba. Every day they offer different activities such as dance fit, Chi cu Cha, energy training, Yoga, Smuvey and much more. There is also an Internet Cafe with WiFi where they give computer classes. In the event someone does not have transportation to get to the Club, they offer to pick up persons needing transportation.

Anyone interested in joining the Club can call 582-8159 for information, or visit them personally at Piedra Plat 23. You can also visit their website at: www.clubkibrahacha.org or friend them on Facebook.

Brazil's Rousseff postpones US state visit

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff postponed a state visit to Washington on Tuesday in protest over allegations of US cyberspying on her country.

Rousseff announced the decision after discussing the espionage row with US President Barack Obama Monday in a telephone call.

"The two presidents decided to postpone the state visit since the outcome of this visit should not be conditioned on an issue which for Brazil has not been satisfactorily resolved," Rousseff's office said.

The visit had been scheduled for October 23 but no new date was immediately announced.

The statement reflected Brasilia's anger over disclosures that the US National Security Agency (NSA) spied on her email communications and on the state-run energy giant Petrobras.

"The illegal interceptions of communications and data of citizens, companies and members of the Brazilian government represents a serious act which violates na-

tional sovereignty and is incompatible with democratic coexistence between friendly countries," it noted.

Brasilia had slammed the alleged spying as "unacceptable."

In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney, said: "I think it's because the relationship is so important and because it has so many facets that the president agrees with this decision they made together to postpone the visit."

"They both look forward to that visit which will celebrate our broad relationship and the president believes as I understand it should not be overshadowed by a bilateral issue no matter how important or challenging the issue may be," he added.

Carney said Obama understood the Brazilian leader's concerns and "looks forward to welcoming President Rousseff to Washington at a date to be mutually agreed."

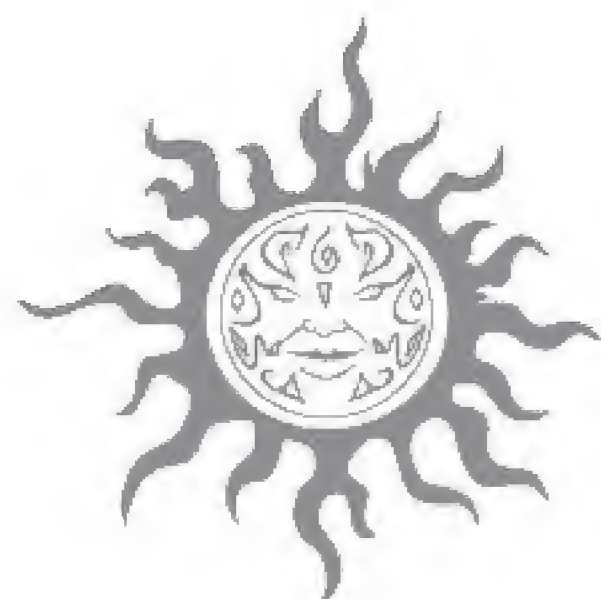
Brazil had demanded an investigation, explanations and a US commitment to stop such spying.



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At least 16 dead in Venezuela prison clash

CARACAS (AFP) - At least 16 people were killed in violent clashes between inmates at a Venezuelan prison, authorities and a non-governmental organization said Tuesday.

Humberto Prado, director of the Venezuelan Prison Observatory, told AFP the brawl broke out Monday in the Sabaneta jail in Maracaibo, a city in the country's northwest.

"We recorded the arrival (at Maracaibo's morgue) of five bodies and then of eleven more," Prado said.

Venezuelan Prison Minister Iris Varela later confirmed the 16 fatalities and announced an investigation.

"Fifteen people were

killed here, and there was one person, the 16th, who was also killed but in another area," Varela said.

The official disputed, however, that the clashes were caused by rival gangs vying for control of the facility, as claimed by the Venezuelan Prison Observatory and local media.

The NGO and local news reports gave gruesome details of the state of the bodies following the confrontation, which lasted several hours.

"Some of the prisoners were dismembered," Prado said, adding some had even been beheaded.

The overcrowded facility houses 3,700 inmates although it was built for 750.

Pentagon orders security review after US base shooting

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon said Tuesday it would review security at US military bases worldwide one day after a defense contractor gunned down 12 people at the Washington Navy Yard, as investigators worked to uncover the shooter's motive.

Officials were struggling to answer how and why 34-year-old Aaron Alexis, a former sailor with a history of disciplinary problems and brushes with the law, had been granted a security badge before he opened fire Monday at the tightly guarded naval compound.

With lawmakers questioning the vetting of contractors,

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel "intends to order a review of physical security and access at all DoD (Department of Defense) installations worldwide," a senior Pentagon official said.

Federal authorities acknowledged there were many unanswered questions about Monday's mass shooting -- which sparked demands from Democratic lawmakers for a renewed debate on US gun laws.

Alexis, a former naval reservist hired as an IT subcontractor for computer giant Hewlett-Packard, had a valid pass to enter the Navy Yard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States accused Russia of ignoring the facts surrounding a poison gas attack in Syria on Tuesday, highlighting tensions between the West and Moscow over how to eliminate the country's chemical weapons.

Despite a weekend agreement between the Cold War rivals aimed at dismantling Syria's chemical arsenal by mid-2014, the two sides remain poles apart in their assessment of the August 21 gas attack which left hundreds dead.

Russia insists the attack on the Damascus suburb of Ghouta was a "provocation" by opponents fighting Syria President Bashar Al-Assad's regime designed to trigger military strikes by the United States.

The United States and France maintain that the attack was carried out by Syrian government forces, and believe an assessment by UN experts released on Monday backed their view.

On Tuesday, after meeting French counterpart Laurent

Fabius in Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov repeated Moscow's allegation that the August 21 attack was carried out by Syrian rebels.

Lavrov said the UN report "proves that chemical weapons were used" but not that the Assad regime was behind it.

"There is still no answer to the question of where the missile as produced," he said.

Russia still has "most serious basis to believe that this was a provocation," Lavrov said of the attack.

He called on world powers not to "play up emotions" when making decisions, but rather "rely on professionals."

The United States dismissed Lavrov's comments emphatically, however, exposing the entrenched differences between the West and Moscow.

"He's swimming against the tide of international public opinion, but more importantly, the facts," said US State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki.

Psaki said the UN report, "confirms unequivocally that chemical weapons, including the nerve agent sarin, were used in Syria. We all know that. But based on our preliminary view of information contained in the report, several crucial details confirmed the Assad regime's guilt in carrying out this attack."

Earlier, Fabius said a "difference in approach" existed between France and Russia on the methods required to reach peace but the two sides were "perfectly agreed" on the need for a political solution.

The Moscow talks came a day after France, the United States and Britain said they will push for a strong resolution at the UN.

Diplomats said France and Britain are preparing a draft that will demand a threat of sanctions if Assad does not comply with the chemical disarmament plan.

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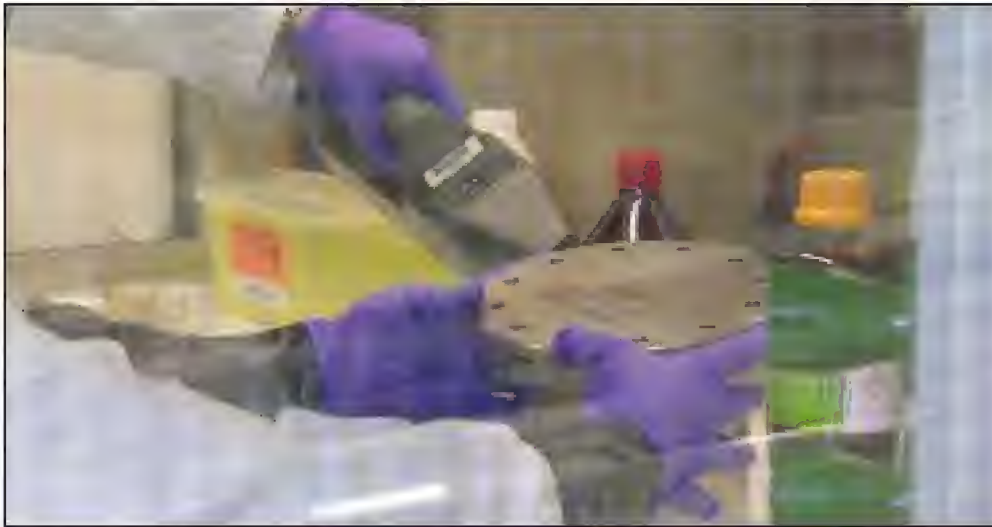
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UN details 'chilling' Syria sarin attack



UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The United Nations on Monday revealed what it called "chilling" details of a sarin gas attack in Syria, leaving the major powers to battle over who was responsible.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon condemned the use of chemical weapons in Syria as "a war crime" as the country's conflict again spilled into neighboring nations, with Turkey saying it had shot down a Syrian military helicopter.

UN experts said they had gathered "clear and convincing evidence" that surface-to-surface rockets took sarin gas into the opposition-held Damascus suburb of Ghouta on August 21.

The United States, which had threatened a military strike on Syria over the attack, says more than 1,400 people were

killed in Ghouta.

Ban said the report prepared by the experts "makes for chilling reading."

He added that the use of sarin had been proved "unequivocally and objectively" and that the Ghouta attack was "the most significant" with chemical weapons since Saddam Hussein unleashed poison gas in Halabja, Iraq, in 1988, killing thousands.

Ban described how doctors treated civilians with no external signs of injuries in the streets of Ghouta in the hours after the attack and that the weather conditions had maximized the casualties.

The experts concluded that "chemical weapons have been used in the ongoing conflict between the parties in the Syrian Arab Republic, also against civilians including children on a relatively large scale."

Found: winning lottery ticket for 4.7 mn euros

MADRID (AFP) - Spanish officials on Tuesday were seeking the winner of a 4.7 million-euro (\$6.3-million) lottery jackpot after the lucky ticket was found unclaimed.

The slip of paper turned up in La Coruna, northwestern Spain, the city's mayor said. Media reports said the vendor who sold it found it on his counter.

The vendor handed the ticket, issued for a lottery draw in June 2012, back to the state lottery company.

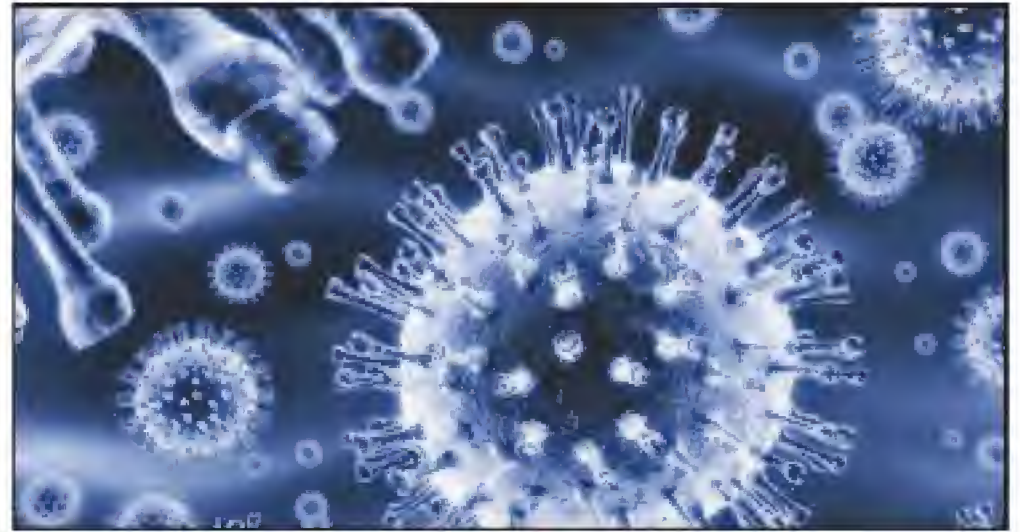
After a year went by without it being claimed, the lottery reported it to La Coruna's city hall, which is legally charged with advertising lost property.

It posted an announcement on the lost and found section of its website on Monday, at the top of a list of mislaid mobile telephones and keys.

The city hall will "reliably" test the claim of anyone who comes forward for the winnings, Negreira said.

"If no one comes forward who meets the conditions in the next two years, the ticket will be handed to the person who found it."

US warns of microbes resistant to antibiotics



WASHINGTON (AFP) - At least two million people per year in the United States get infections that are resistant to antibiotics and 23,000 die from those infections, a new study says.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said these numbers are only a conservative estimate. Among other reasons, they come only from infections reported in hospitals and do not address ones that occur in nursing homes and other health care facilities.

The numbers underline the importance of not overusing antibiotics.

In as many as half of the cases studied, antibiotic use was not necessary or was even inappropriate, such as in viral infections, for instance, the researchers said.

The report also warns against the danger of running short on effective treatments against infection while the number of new antibiotics being developed fails to meet short-term needs.

"If we're not careful, we will soon be in a post antibiotic era," CDC director Tom Frieden said. "And, in fact, for some patients and some microbes, we are already there."

Losing effective treatment will not only undermine our ability to fight routine infections, but also have serious complications, serious implications, for people who have other medical problems," he said.

Most of the 18 microbes included in the study are common, and were divided into three categories depending on their degree of risk: urgent, concerning and important.

Within the urgent group, there are three of particular interest: they are called carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae, C. difficile, and drug-resistant gonorrhea, he said.

The first of those is a "nightmare bacteria" that can essentially resist all antibiotics and kill people who get it in their blood.

C. difficile is a life-threatening infection associated with 14,000 deaths and a quarter of a million hospitalizations per year.

As for gonorrhea, there are more than 800,000 infections in the United States each year, with a growing proportion resistant to all available medication.

The way to fight all this is to prevent infection and the spread of resistance, through

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Binge drinking common among US teens: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - One in ten US teenagers reports engaging in "extreme binge drinking" -- downing 10 or more drinks in a night -- new research out Monday highlighting the public health risks of alcohol found.

The survey of 16,332 high school seniors found that binge drinking, defined as consuming five or more drinks in a row for boys and four or more for girls, was common, with one in five students admitting to at least one episode within the past two weeks.

Drinking at this level makes driving dangerous and poses a long-term risk of addiction, deterioration of the still-developing brain of the liver, the researchers emphasized.

The results -- from the sample of whom 52.3 percent were girls, 64.5 percent white, 11 percent black, 13.1 percent Hispanic and 11.5 percent of other race/ethnicity -- found young men were more likely than young women to engage in binge drinking.

White students were more likely than their black counterparts to binge drink, as were the children of college-educated parents -- though extreme binge drinking was



more common among children whose parents were not college educated.

One drink was defined as 12 ounces (0.36 liters) of beer or a wine cooler, four ounces (0.12 liters) of wine, and one shot of liquor.

Although drinking as a whole has decreased among high school students since a peak in the 1970s, researchers said, the highest level of extreme binge drinking of 15 drinks or more in a row -- reported among 5.6 percent of the study sample -- has stayed steady since 2005.

"The documented rates of extreme binge drinking, and the fact that they have not changed across recent historical time, support the need for additional research to develop effective prevention and intervention strategies to reduce

high-risk alcohol behaviors of youth," the authors write.

The legal drinking age in the US is 21, thanks to a 1984 federal law. Before that, the legal age varied by state, with many allowing alcohol purchases and consumption at 18.

High school seniors are typically 17 or 18 years old.

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46.5 mln Americans lived in poverty in 2012: census

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The number of people living on or below the poverty line in the United States remained unchanged in 2012 at 46.5 million, according to official figures released Tuesday.

That equals a poverty rate of 15 percent for the second consecutive year, the US Census Bureau said.

The official poverty line for a family of four is based on an annual household income of \$23,492.

Meanwhile, the percentage of people without health insurance coverage dropped to 15.4 percent in 2012 from 15.8 percent a year earlier.

The number with health insurance rose to 263.2 million in 2012, compared to 260.2 million the previous year.

The average income for family households remained unchanged at \$64,053. Incomes have dipped 8.3 percent since 2007, the year before the recession.

In small study, healthy lifestyle fights cell ageing



PARIS (AFP) - In a small but unprecedented study, scientists on Tuesday said they had proof that a healthy lifestyle helps the body's cells fight ageing. The strategy is structured around a whole-food, plant-based diet, moderate daily exercise, yoga-based relaxation and stress management, they said. Researchers recruited 35 men, 10 of whom were asked to follow this lifestyle, while the other 25 were not asked to make any lifestyle changes at all. In addition to the diet and daily physical and mental routines, the 10 also attended weekly sessions for three months where their new skills were reinforced by specialists, including a one-hour weekly "support" session. After five years, the scientists assessed the participants for a hallmark of biological ageing called telomeres. Telomeres are nubby pieces of protein that are attached to the end of chromosomes. They help to protect the precious strings of DNA code when a cell replicates. Looking at the length of telomeres thus gives a telltale of cellular lifespan. Among the 10-man group, telomere length increased significantly by an average of 10 percent over the five years -- and it was higher among those who had adhered most faithfully to the new lifestyle. Among the "control" group, though, telomeres had shrunk by three percent on average.

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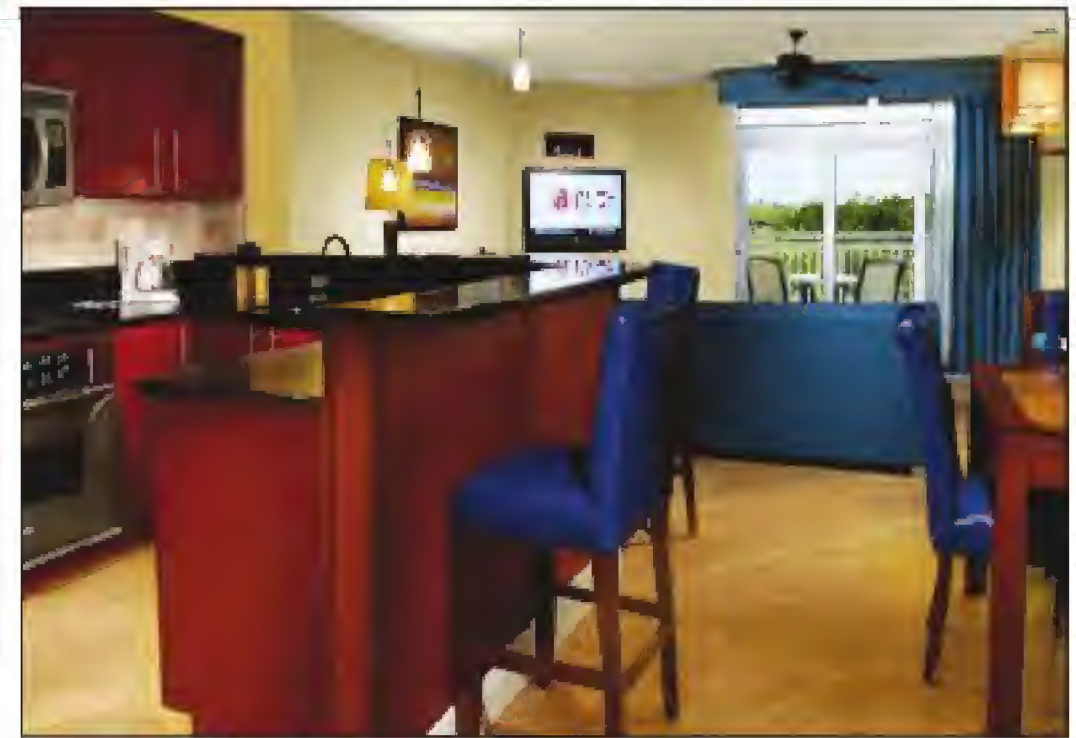


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Sci-Tech

Microsoft announces \$40b share buyback

NEW YORK (AFP) - Microsoft announced a new \$40 billion share buyback on Tuesday as part of an effort by the transitioning US tech giant to return more cash to stockholders.

The tech giant, which has seen its stock stagnate in recent years, also said it was increasing its dividend by 22 percent to 28 cents a share.

The new share buyback comes on the heels of another share repurchase plan announced in 2008, which was set to expire on September 30.

The move comes with Microsoft in transition, having announced the departure of chief executive Steve Ballmer within a year.

Microsoft, which is trying to refocus the company around "devices and services" after missing the transition to mobile computing, also recently announced it was buying the mobile phone division of Nokia.

The maker of Windows software had been the undisputed leader of the tech sector for years, but recently has been overtaken in market value by Apple and Google.

Microsoft shares rose 0.6 percent to \$33.00 in early trade on Wall Street. A buyback gener-

ally boosts the value of a stock by reducing the number of outstanding shares.

Microsoft has more than \$70 billion in cash holdings, much of which is held overseas. Like Apple and some other tech firms, Microsoft has held off repatriating the cash which

could be subject to the top corporate tax rate of 35 percent.

The company has sent out invitations to a September 23 event at which it is expected to unveil new Surface tablets to challenge iPads and Android devices dominating the market.

The event to be held in New

York comes as the US technology giant struggles to remain relevant as Internet age lifestyles shift from traditional computers to smartphones and tablets.

The company was forced to take an embarrassing \$900 million writedown this year for "in-

ventory adjustments" due to a poor reception of the tablet. It also cut the price of the Surface.

Microsoft is also holding its analyst day this week, where it will discuss its strategy and rationale for the Nokia acquisition.

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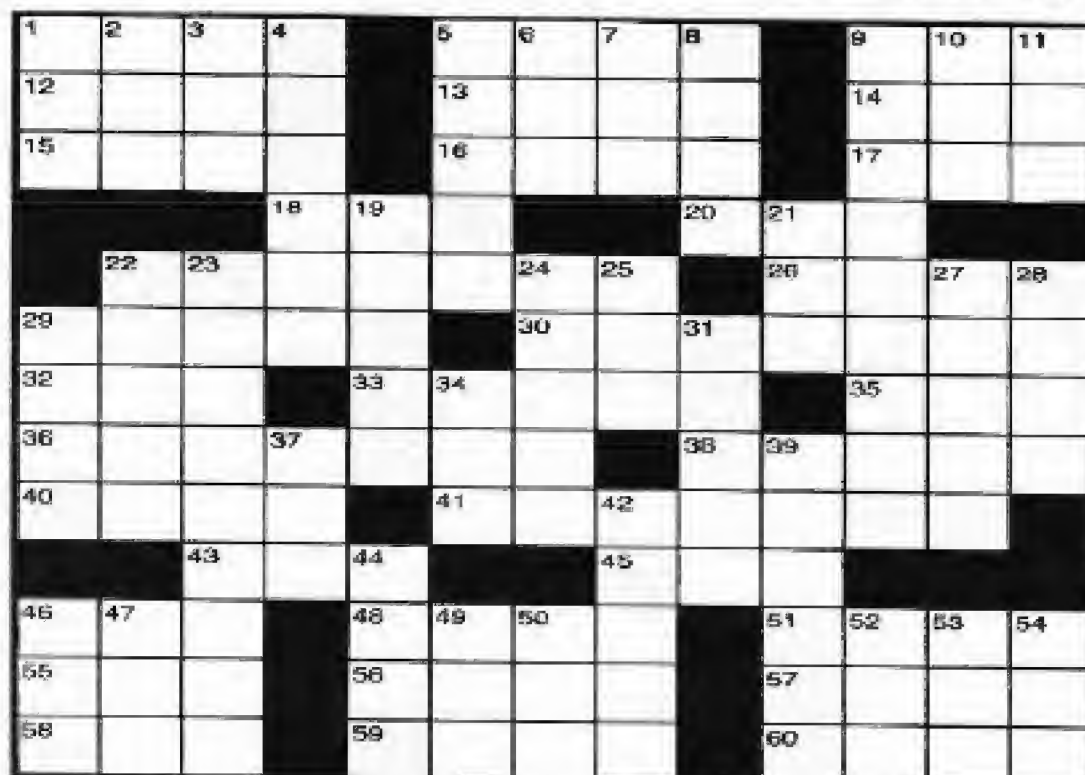
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16. Tidbit
17. Fisherman's tool
18. Omaha's state (abbr.)
20. JFK, to RFK
22. Robbing
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29. Actress Janet
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32. 007 creator Fleming
33. Humorous literary style
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45. Keats work
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51. Enlarge a hole
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21. Argument
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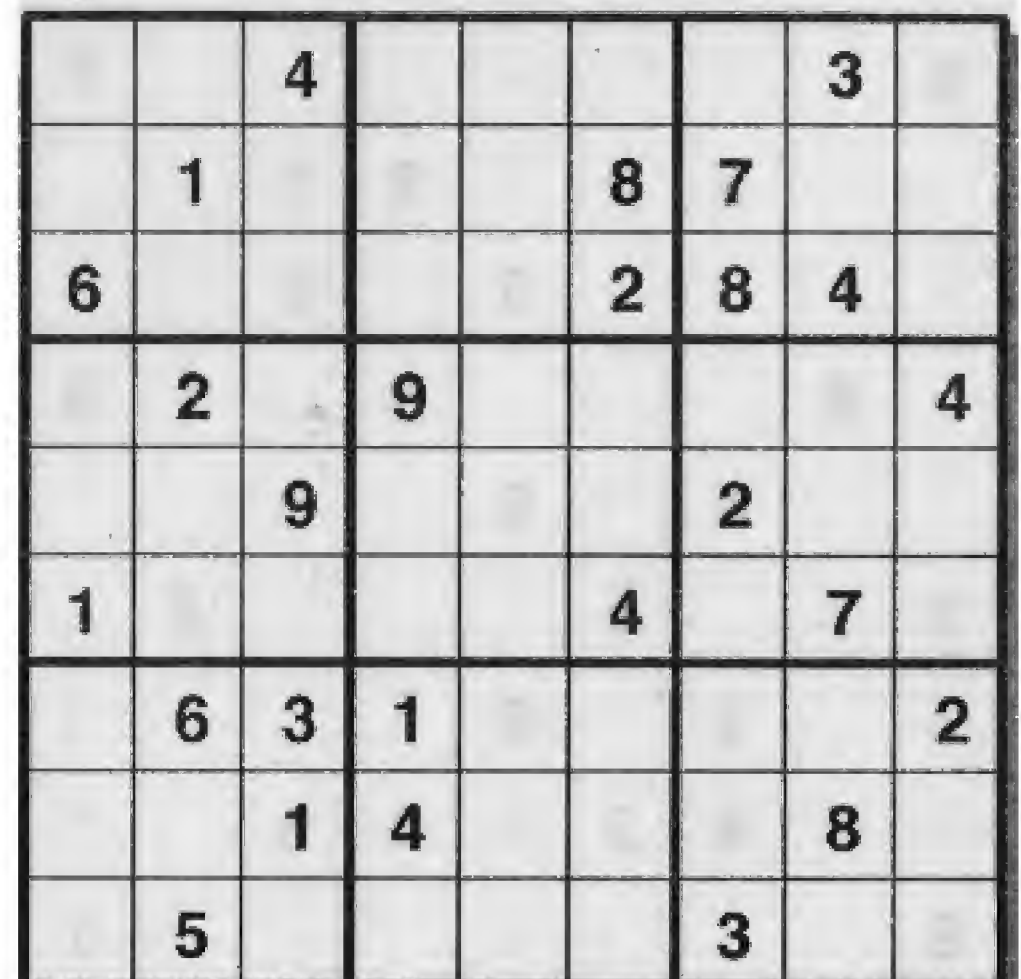
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Philips launches 1.5-billion-euro share buyback

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch electronics giant Philips is to buy back 1.5 billion euros of shares, the company said Tuesday, also raising its targets for 2016.

The company, increasingly focused on healthcare, said it wanted to push ahead with its restructuring programme, including through job cuts.

Chief executive Frans van Houten declined to say how many jobs were concerned.

"We're not disclosing this number because these are mainly from natural attrition and it would cause unnecessary anxiety," Van Houten told a telephone press conference.

Philips said it wanted to increase its comparable sales growth by an average four to six percent a year to 2016, and raise EBITA (earnings before interest, tax and amortisation) margins to 11 to 12 percent, particularly thanks to its healthcare business.

The Eindhoven-based company said its share buyback programme would start in October and "conclude in the next two or three years", reducing the company's outstanding share capital by 1.5 billion euros (\$2 billion).

Founded in 1891, Philips employs around 115,000 people globally.

It is traditionally known for making televisions, small appliances and light bulbs but has in the last decade branched out to the health and lifestyle sector.

In April 2012 the group sold its troubled television branch to TPV technology, and in January this year it announced it was selling its entertainment business to long-term partner Funai.

Philips said in July that it had completed a two-billion-euro share buyback programme begun two years ago.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Netherlands unveils austerity-driven budget

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem unveiled his 2014 austerity-driven budget on Tuesday, as the fifth-largest eurozone economy struggles to return to growth.

"Balance has not yet returned to our economy, and that can be seen from the figures," Dijsselbloem, who also heads the Eurogroup of eurozone finance ministers, told parliament.

The Dutch trade-dependent economy is in the fourth quarter of a recession and is struggling even as other European countries return to growth.

A growth prediction of 0.5 percent for 2014 is less than previous forecasts and unemployment, on the rise since June 2011, is expected to climb beyond 9 percent.

"A quick and painless solution does not exist," Dijsselbloem said, referring to six

billion euros in additional budget cuts for 2014.

Those savings come on top of austerity measures agreed by previous governments since the financial crisis started in 2008.

The government hopes that all of the cuts agreed since then will result in overall savings of 30 billion euros in 2014, rising to 50 billion euros in 2017.

Most of the additional measures announced Tuesday had already been leaked in the Dutch press, including lowering healthcare refunds and reducing ministries' budgets.

A reported public sector wage freeze was however not announced.

The austerity measures will reduce Dutch households' purchasing power by 0.25 percent in 2014, but at the same time bring the public deficit down to 3.3 percent of gross domes-

tic product (GDP).

The Netherlands' Central Planning Bureau (CPB), whose predictions the government uses to draw up its budget, said in June that without the additional measures the deficit would rise to 3.9 percent of GDP next year.

European Union rules mean that the Dutch deficit cannot be over 3 percent of GDP. It was 4.1 percent in 2012.

The budget announcement came with the government in free-fall in opinion polls.

A poll published Sunday said that the ruling Liberal-Labour coalition, in power for a year, would lose around half its seats in parliament were elections held now.

Eurozone growth in the second quarter of 2013 was 0.3 percent overall, while the Dutch economy shrank by 0.2 percent during the same period.

Dutch to buy JSF fighter jets in 4.5-bn-euro deal

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands will buy 37 new F-35 Joint Strike Fighters (JSF) from US-based Lockheed Martin in a deal worth 4.5 billion euros (\$6 billion) to replace its ageing fleet of F-16s by 2019, the country's defence minister said Tuesday.

Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert announced the long-debated purchase in a letter to parliament at the presentation of the government's 2014 budget at the Lower House's official opening in The Hague.

"After evaluating competitors in 2001 and 2008 and with

updated relevant data in 2013, the cabinet has decided, based on operational and financial considerations, to choose the F-35 as the new fighter plane for the Dutch armed forces," she said.

The choice had been widely expected, with the Netherlands closely involved as one of the contributing countries to the JSF's development.

As early as 1997, the JSF has been flagged as the preferential candidate to replace the Dutch fleet of F-16s because of its stealth features, which make it almost invisible to

radar.

In 2002, the Netherlands and eight other countries joined the fighter's development phase.

But a finalised Dutch purchase had been rejected in parliament, mainly by the centre-left Labour Party (PvdA) while in opposition.

However, that decision changed after Labour formed a majority coalition in the Lower House with Prime Minister Mark Rutte's Liberal party (VVD) after last September's elections.

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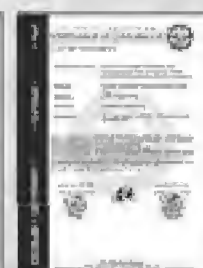
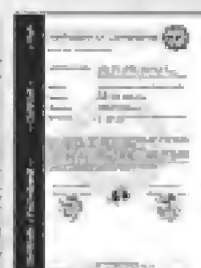
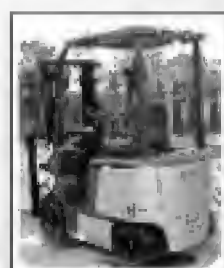
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Malala receives top Amnesty award

DUBLIN (AFP) - Pakistani student who was shot in the head by the Pakistani Taliban, Malala Yousafzai (L) receives the Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Award for 2013 from singer with rock band U2, Bono (R) during the Amnesty International Ambassador of Conscience Awards at the Manison House in Dublin, Ireland on



September 17, 2013. The Ambassador of Conscience Award is Amnesty International's highest honour, recognizing individuals who have promoted and enhanced the cause of human rights through their life and by example. Malala Yousafzai, 16, is an advocate for equal access to education. In 2012 she was shot and severely wounded in an attack claimed by the Pakistani Taliban. Malala will share the 2013 Ambassador of Conscience Award with American singer and human rights activist Harry Belafonte. "I am especially honoured to receive the Ambassador of Conscience Award because I am having the distinction of sharing this with Malala Yousafzai, a true hero of our time," Belafonte said.

Malala, Snowden named for EU's Sakharov prize



BRUSSELS (AFP) - Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teen shot by the Taliban for championing girls' education, and US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden have been nominated for the European Parliament's prestigious Sakharov human rights prize.

Malala, who has become emblematic of the fight against the most radical forms of Islamism, is backed by the three

main political groups in parliament, making her a favourite for the award.

Snowden, the US contractor who revealed widespread spying by the United States on friends and foes alike and who has sought asylum in Russia, has been nominated by the Greens and a far left group.

A parliament statement Tuesday also named the Standing Man group, activists behind the Taksim Square protests in Istanbul in June which upset the accepted view that Turkey was on the smooth path to lasting political stability.

The other nominees are jailed Ethiopian journalist Reeyot Alemu and Eskinder Nega, Belarus political prisoners Ales Belyatsky, Eduard Lobau and Mykola Statkevich, and jailed former Russian oligarch and Putin-foe Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

Also nominated is the CNN Freedom Project, a global



media campaign to raise awareness on human trafficking.

The winner of the prize will be announced in October.

Last year's award went to detained Iranians, lawyer Nasser Sotoudeh and film-maker Jafar Panahi, to honour those "standing up for a better Iran."

Past winners of the 50,000-euro (\$65,000) prize include South African anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela and former UN secretary general Kofi Annan.

Brazil wants Google, Facebook to store data locally

BRASÍLIA (AFP) - Brazil will press tech giants such as Google and Facebook to store Internet data pertaining to its citizens locally due to allegations of US spying, according to a regulator.

"Data centers are in various parts of the world. We do not want all of them to be based in Brazil, but yes we do want data storage centers here," Virgilio Almeida, the coordinator of the Internet oversight committee in Brazil (CGI), said Monday.

"Naturally this can occur with tax incentives, purchase

policies, but this is something that the government wants to keep in the country."

CGI officials discussed the issue with President Dilma Rousseff, according to press reports, amid growing government concern over allegations of widespread US cyber-spying in Brazil.

Almeida said Brazil, with its population of more than 200 million people, is one of the main markets for information technology and social media networks.

The Globo newspaper, cit-

ing documents provided by fugitive US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden, recently reported that Washington's National Security Agency monitored Rousseff's communications with her aides and snooped on state-run energy giant Petrobras.

Rousseff discussed the spying row in a telephone conversation with her US counterpart Barack Obama Monday and she was to announce Tuesday whether she will go ahead with a state visit to Washington scheduled for next month.

Saudi beheads Syrian for drug smuggling

RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi authorities beheaded a Syrian man on Tuesday after he was convicted of trafficking drugs into the ultra-conservative kingdom, the interior ministry said.

Waleed Zeineddin was arrested while trafficking a large amount of amphetamine stimulant capsules that are listed as drugs in Saudi Arabia, the ministry said in a statement carried by state news agency SPA.

His beheading in the northern Jawf region, brings to 67

the number of people executed in Saudi Arabia so far this year, according to an AFP count.

In 2012, the conservative Muslim kingdom carried out 76 executions, according to a tally based on official figures. Human Rights Watch has put the number at 69.

Rape, murder, apostasy, armed robbery and drug trafficking are all punishable by death under the oil-rich Gulf state's strict version of sharia, or Islamic law.

Swazi king to wed 14th wife



tary elections on Friday.

Critics have slammed the polls as a sham, partly because political parties are banned and candidates are hand-picked by traditional leaders.

The weekend's celebrations were a smaller repeat of last month's official annual Reed Dance, where young virgins from across the kingdom gather and dance for the king.

The wedding only takes place once the fiancée falls pregnant. Dlamini will then become Mswati's 14th wife.

The monarch's colourful private life is off-limits in local media, but has drawn a lot of international interest.

Three wives left the household in recent years. The latest, Queen LaGija, fled the palace in 2012 claiming years of physical and emotional abuse.

Another queen, LaDube, was reportedly abused after she was caught in bed with the justice minister, a close friend of the king.

Mswati had kidnapped and married the queen when she was 16 in 2005.

MBABANE (AFP) - Swaziland's King Mswati III has chosen an 18-year-old beauty pageant contestant as his 14th wife, a palace spokesman said Tuesday, days before a much-criticised parliamentary vote.

Mswati, a 45-year-old who is sub-Saharan Africa's last absolute monarch, introduced Sindiswa Dlamini at a Reed Dance celebration over the weekend, Mtetwa told AFP.

She wore red feathers on her head -- a sign of royalty.

The young woman graduated from Mbabane's St. Francis High School last year and is a finalist in the Miss Cultural Heritage beauty pageant. The winner will be announced on September 28.

The king has come under fire for his household's lavish lifestyle while the tiny mountain kingdom's 1.2 million people struggle to make a living.

Mswati reportedly has a personal fortune of around \$200 million (152 euros) and the UN estimates that 70 per cent of his 1.2 million subjects live below the poverty line.

He has steadfastly resisted reforms.

The new engagement was announced at a festival which also counted regional delegates who will observe parliamen-

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, for Dinner from 6.00p.m. to

11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

NFL: Bernard powers Bengals over Steelers

CINCINNATI (AFP) - The Cincinnati Bengals shut down the Pittsburgh Steelers with a 20-10 victory Monday night behind a two touchdown performance from rookie running back Giovani Bernard.

Bernard ran for an early touchdown and grabbed a 27-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Andy Dalton in the third quarter that gave Cincinnati a lead they would keep for the remainder of the National Football League contest.

Dalton won the battle of the quarterbacks against Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger. He threw 45 passes and completing 25 for 280 yards as Cincinnati rebounded from a season-opening loss to the Chicago Bears.

The Bengals defense was



superb. They forced two turnovers and smothered Pittsburgh's offense, holding them to a mere 278 yards and 14 first downs in the team's second home victory over its division rival in the past dozen years.

This marked the first game for Bengals' James Harrison against his former team. Harrison, who played 10 years in Pittsburgh before getting cut in the off-season, did not record a tackle on Monday.

Roethlisberger threw for 251 yards with a touchdown

and an interception on 30-of-37 passes for the Steelers, who dropped their first two games of the season for the first time since 2002.

It's also the first time Pittsburgh has been two games under .500 since Tomlin took over in 2007.

Cincinnati snapped a 10-10 tie with an eight-play, 78-yard drive that ended with Bernard catching a short pass and going into the end zone untouched for a go-ahead score with just over six minutes left in the third quarter.

Eurobasket: Italy beat Spain, Greece eliminated from Euros

LJUBLJANA (AFP) - Italy stunned two-time reigning champions Spain on Monday as the four quarter-final matchups were set with Serbia and Croatia as the two top seeds at the 2013 European Championships.

Alessandro Gentile poured in 25 points and Marco Belinelli of the Chicago Bulls collected 16 points and eight rebounds in Italy's 86-81 overtime defeat of Spain.

In the final eight, the Italians -- looking for their first medal since 2003 bronze -- will face off against Lithuania on Thursday.

Spain wasted a 32-point, 10-rebound showing from Marc Gasol in dropping their third game of the tournament and finishing fourth in the group at 2-3.

Spain's quarter-finals opponent today will be Group E winners Serbia.

The winner between Spain and Serbia will take on the winners of Wednesday's other quarter between hosts Slovenia and France.

Slovenia finished the group stage on a sour note, losing against Finland 92-76 in a hard fought game -- though Slove-

nia knew beforehand that they were placed second in the group and Finland eliminated.

Bostjan Nachbar paced the Slovenians with 15 points but that wasn't enough as they dropped to 3-2.

Finland, who received 17 points from Gerald Lee, showed a last bit of fight in improving to 2-3 and finished fifth -- ahead of Greece.

Needing a victory of their own and a Spain defeat to reach the knockout stage, the Greeks gave Croatia all they could handle but lost in double overtime 92-88.

Bojan Bogdanovic tallied 22 points while Ante Tomic collected 15 points and 12 rebounds as Croatia took Group F honours with a 4-1 record and will face Ukraine in the final eight.

The Greeks, considered with a puncher's chance at a podium finish, finished 1-4 despite Yannis Bourousis scoring 21 points and Vassilis Spanoulis hitting for 18 points.

EuroBasket 2013 took a day off today and will resume on Wednesday with the Serbia-Spain and Slovenia-France quarter-finals.

Boxing: Mayweather apologizes for mocking de la Hoya

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Boxer Floyd Mayweather has been forced to apologize for an Instagram photo and caption that mocked former world champ and promoter Oscar de la Hoya's substance-abuse problem.

Mayweather apologized for the picture of a somber-looking de la Hoya which ran on his Instagram page Monday with the headline "MEANWHILE IN REHAB". The caption underneath the picture said, "OSCAR: 'I gave Canelo the wrong Blueprint I was high.'"

The 36-year-old American Mayweather described the incident as "stupid" and claimed

the photo was posted without his knowledge. He did not go into detail about how it ended up on his Instagram account, or who might have put it there. The photo ultimately was deleted.

"I apologize to Oscar and his family for this posting. I wish him well and am rooting for him to win his fight too. I also apologize to all of my followers for this ridiculous post."

Mayweather also stressed that he had wished Mexico's de la Hoya well at Saturday's post-fight news conference after Mayweather scored a majority decision in the main event over Saul Alvarez, who is promoted by de la Hoya.

Football: Casillas injured on Real return



ISTANBUL (AFP) - Spain captain Iker Casillas had to be substituted just 15 minutes into his return to the Real Madrid side in their Champions League opener against Galatasaray after suffering a rib injury.

The 32-year-old clashed with teammate Sergio Ramos when coming to collect a simple cross into the Madrid area barely 60 seconds into the match.

He went on to make one fine save from a long-range volley by Felipe Melo, but was clearly in some discomfort and, after receiving treatment from the Madrid physios, he eventually decided to come off to be replaced by Diego Lopez.

Casillas was making his first appearance for Los Blancos in a competitive game since January after first breaking a bone in his hand and then losing his place in the side to Lopez.



NEW YORK - The NFL expects the most expensive tickets for its championship game will be about \$2,600 each for 9,000 premium seats for the Feb. 2 game at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That's more than twice the \$1,250 cost for similar tickets at last season's Super Bowl in New Orleans. The next tier of seats is expected to go for \$1,500 compared to \$950 in New Orleans. About 40 percent of general admission seats will be under \$1,000. The capacity of MetLife Stadium is 82,000, but it will be trimmed by about 5,000 seats to make room for media, cameras and security. The priciest seats will have access to indoor restaurants, where fans can warm up during the outdoor game. The lowest-priced ticket fell from \$650 last year to \$500. Some 30,000 fans entered a lottery that closed in June, and 1,000 winners, double from 500, will be notified this fall.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	92	59	.609	—
TAMPA	82	67	.550	9.0
BALTIMORE	79	70	.530	12.0
YANKEES	79	71	.527	12.5
TORONTO	68	81	.456	23.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	87	63	.580	—
CLEVELAND	81	69	.540	6.0
KANSAS	79	71	.527	8.0
MINNESOTA	64	85	.430	22.5
CHICAGO	59	91	.393	28.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	88	62	.587	—
TEXAS	81	68	.544	6.5
LA ANGELES	73	77	.487	15.0
SEATTLE	66	84	.440	22.0
HOUSTON	51	99	.340	37.0

National League


East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	89	60	.597	—
WASHINGTON	79	70	.530	10.0
PHILADELPHIA	70	80	.467	19.5
NY METS	67	82	.450	22.0
MIAMI	55	95	.367	34.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	87	63	.580	—
PITTSBURGH	87	63	.580	—
CINCINNATI	84	66	.563	2.5
MILWAUKEE	66	83	.443	20.5
CHICAGO	63	87	.420	24.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	86	64	.573	—
ARIZONA	76	73	.510	9.5
SAN DIEGO	69	80	.463	16.5
SAN FRANCISCO	69	81	.460	17.5
COLORADO	69	82	.457	17.5

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Nicole van der Velden
(women)
Willem ten Ham
Darren Maris

UNDER 17:
Mack van den Eerenbeemt
Milan de Jonge
Sam Kaffener
Mark Tjon
Sil Grijpma
Sjoerd Hoek
UNDER 15:
Malik Hoveling
Jasper van den Berg
Melvin van der Linde
Nicolas Verploeg
Bart van Haren
Joel Kayser



Ethan Westera (ARU 4) followed by Nik van den Eerenbeemt (ARU 9)



MEN:
Wichard van der Meulen
Alejandro Soto
Jan van Haren

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Wichard van der Meulen

KIDS:
1. Rik Valize
2. Matthijs de Kool
3. Storm Reijnders
4. Mila Nooijen
5. Thomas Brown



Mark Tjon (ARU 27) and Milan de Jonge (ARU 55)

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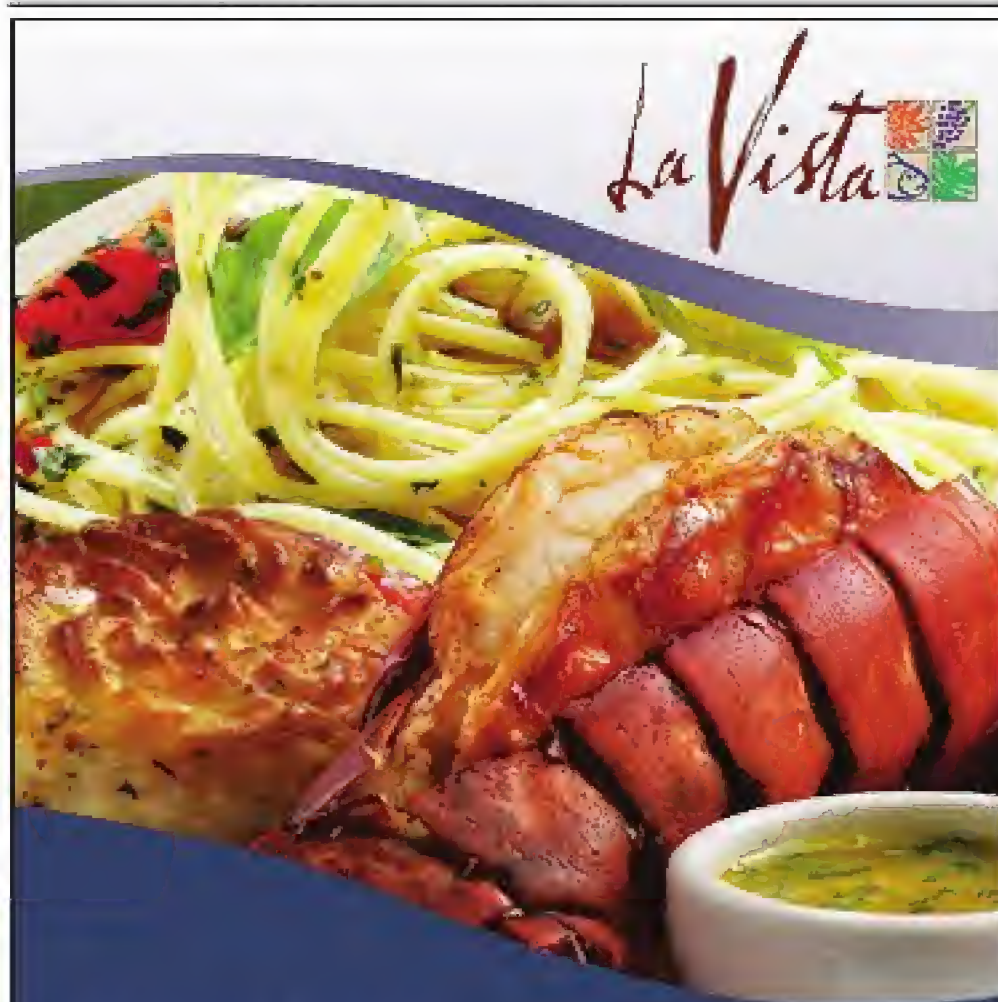
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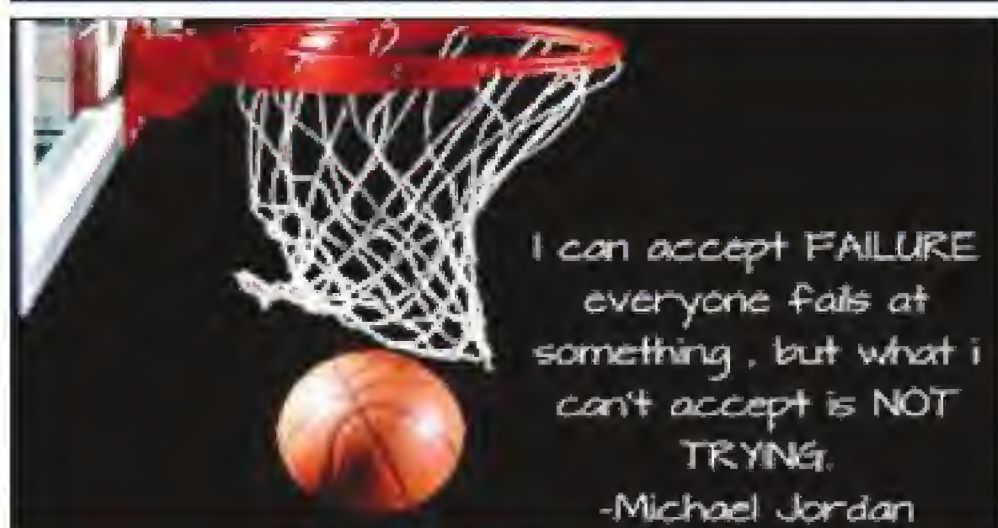
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International competition and school projects Energetic start windsurfclub Aruba

ORANJESTAD - De Wind Racers Club Aruba (WRCA) started last Sunday the 2013-2014 windsurfing season with races in 6 categories. 15-year old windsurf talent Ethan Westera won both slalom and long distance races in the under 20 category, Nik van den Eerenbeemt (16) came in second place.

The spectators at the Fishermen Huts saw Rik Valize win the "Kids" category. Mack van den Eerenbeemt won the races under 17, Malik Hoveling under 15, Nicole van der Velden the "Ladies" and Wichard van der Meulen the "Masters" category.

Talk of the town was that Aruban born and raised Sarah Quita Offringa just had won her sixth consecutive World Championship, this year held in The Netherlands. Sarah-Quita is an example and hero



for all Aruban windsurfers and inspires all sailors to realize that with dedication and hard work a world championship is within reach.

Next week 2 members of WRCA are traveling abroad to represent Aruba at important

events.

Ethan Westera impressed this summer some PWA officials during a World Cup race in Turkey that he was granted a wildcard to race in the Super Grand Slam PWA event in Sylt Germany. This event is known

for its fierce conditions and draws over 200.000 spectators.

15 year old Mack van den Eerenbeemt is part of a large delegation that travels to Lima, Peru to participate in the 2013 South American Youth Games. Aruba has nominated 20 ath-

letes that will participate in several disciplines like Triathlon, Taekwondo, Boxing, Judo, Swimming, Cycling, Weightlifting and Windsurfing. More than 1500 youngsters will participate from 14 countries, as preparation for the official 2014 Youth Olympic Games held next year in Nanjing China.

For the coming season WRCA has lots of plans. For those who are interested to participate in any discipline can find this years plans on facebook. Also is WRCA funding granted to start a schoolproject. As soon as this funding has been approved by the Aruba Sailing Association (ASA) members of WRCA will start giving windsurf clinics and classes for schoolkids.

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